

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

No claims are currently being added or cancelled.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 11 and 12 are currently being amended.

This amendment and reply amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14-17 and 19-21 are now pending in this application for examination on the merits.

Interview with Examiner:

The final Office Action included an Interview Summary which memorializes a telephone interview that was conducted between Examiner Wu and Applicant's representative Phillip Articola, on February 26, 2010, in which proposed claim amendments and the rejections raised in the final Office Action were discussed. The statements made in the Interview Summary concerning that interview are correct.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the final Office Action, claims 1-2, 8-12 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnes in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0152075 to Hawthorne et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0061745 to Ahn; claims 3 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnes in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0156542 to Connor; claims 4, 6 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnes in view of Hawthorne et al. and Ahn, further in view of Connor; claims 5 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnes in view of Hawthorne et al. and Ahn, further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0058530 to Akama; claims 7 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnes in view of

Hawthorne et al. and Ahn, further in view of “Overview of the IEEE 802.11 Standard,” to Geier; claims 19 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnes in view of Hawthorne et al., Ahn and Connor, further in view of “Overview of the IEEE 802.11 Standard,” to Geier; and claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnes in view of Hawthorne et al., Ahn and Connor, further in view of Geier and U.S. Patent No. 6,505,114 to Luciani. These rejections are traversed with respect to the presently pending claims under rejection, for at least the reasons given below (the rejection of claims 3 and 13 has been overcome due to the cancellation of those claims in the “now entered” after-final amendment and reply filed on March 2, 2010).

Presently pending independent claim 1 now recites, among other things:

when the obtained identification data is identical with the identification data of the user's own subscribed hot spot dealer, to output data for display on the display means to enable the user to determine that the obtained electric field intensity is that of the user's own subscribed hot spot dealer and not that of the roaming contract relation dealer; and

when the obtained identification data is identical with the identification data of the roaming contract relation dealer, to output data for display on the display means to enable the user to determine that the obtained electric field intensity is that of the roaming contract relation dealer and not that of the user's own subscribed hot spot dealer.

Presently pending independent claim 11 has been amended in a similar manner as above. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended to make it clear that the present invention distinguishably displays the obtained electric field intensity as being that of the user's own subscribed hot spot dealer (and not that of the roaming contract relation dealer) or that of the roaming contract relation dealer (and not that of the user's own subscribed hot spot dealer).

For example, the final Office Action cites paragraph 0032 of Barnes, but this paragraph merely describes that a communication link may be established by a device or a remote computer, and it says nothing about displaying an electric field intensity to a user as being that of the user's own subscribed hot spot dealer and not that of the roaming contract relation dealer.

Also, the final Office Action cites paragraph 0045 of Barnes, but that paragraph describes the displaying of television signals to a user, which clearly are not electric field intensities displayed to a user as being that of the roaming contract relation dealer and not that of the user's own subscribed hot spot dealer.

Accordingly, since none of the other cited art of record rectifies these deficiencies of Barnes, presently pending independent claims 1 and 11 patentably distinguish over the cited art of record.

Additionally, with respect to dependent claims 2 and 12, those claims recite a control means/step for causing the light-emitting means to emit informing light in a first color in the case when the user is in the service area of the user's own subscribed hot spot dealer and in a second color different from the first color in the case when the user is in the service area of the dealer in roaming contract relation to the own hot spot dealer.

In its rejection of claims 2 and 12, the final Office Action cites paragraph 0037 of Barnes. However, this portion of Barnes merely describes that a display that includes LEDs can be used to alert a user to a source of a call. There is nothing in this portion of Barnes that describes that the LEDs are of different colors, or that one color (e.g., a red LED) is used to identify a first caller and another color (e.g., a green LED) is used to identify a second caller. Rather, it appears that the callee is notified via the LEDs that a call is incoming in the system of Barnes, without more.

Therefore, dependent claims 2 and 12 patentably distinguish over the cited art of record for these additional reasons, beyond the reasons given above for their respective base claims.

Conclusion:

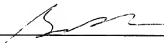
Since all of the issues raised in the final Office Action and the Advisory Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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